

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 22 are pending in the application. Claims 11, 16 and 18-22 stand rejected. Claims 1 - 10, 12 - 15 and 17 have been objected to. Appreciation is expressed for the indication of allowance of claims 1 - 10 if amended to overcome the objection set forth in the Office Action. Applicants have amended Claims 1 and 11. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and full allowance of all pending claims.

Applicants have amended Claim 1 to address the objection raised by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-10 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,643,128 B2 issued to Chu et al.

Chu discloses adjusting a cooling fan setting for the power load drawn from a power supply.

Claim 11 as amended recites, in part, “detecting a configuration of the information handling system, the configuration comprising at least one component, the component having an identification code.”

Applicants respectfully submit that Chu cannot anticipate Claim 11 because Chu fails to teach, disclose or suggest all elements recited by Claim 11. For example, Chu fails to teach, disclose or suggest detecting a configuration “comprising at least one component, the component having an identification code.” Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection to Claim 11 and issue a notice of allowance for Claims 11-17.

Claims 18 - 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,926,386 issued to Ott et al.

Ott discloses a cooling fan that adjusts to a minimum speed based on the configuration of a device.

Claim 18 recites, in part, “an operating curve selector interfaced with the fan controller and operable to obtain component identification information from the one or more components and to select an operating curve associated with the component identification information for use by the fan controller.”

Ott cannot anticipate Claim 18 because Ott fails to teach, disclose or suggest all elements recited by Claim 18. For example, Ott fails to teach, disclose or suggest a fan controller “operable to obtain component identification information from the one or more components and to select an operating curve associated with the component identification information.” The Examiner suggests that the fan controller obtains identification information from fans 110 and 136. Applicants respectfully traverse. First, Ott fails to teach, disclose or suggest the obtaining of identification information from the fans. Second, fans are not components as recited by Claim 18. Claim 18 states that the cooling fan provides cooling air to one or more components, so the Examiner’s interpretation would require the cooling fan to provide cooling air to itself. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection to Claim 18 and allow Claims 18-22.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being electronically submitted to the COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS via EFS on July 19, 2006.

/Robert W. Holland/

Attorney for Applicant(s)

Respectfully submitted,

/Robert W. Holland/

Robert W. Holland
Attorney for Applicant(s)
Reg. No. 40,020